

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method of using ~~an integrated~~ a combination container and infuser apparatus, said apparatus having [a] an infusible substrate storage container having an interior cavity for ~~holding~~ storing an infusible substrate prior to infusion and a top opening defined by a rim section for providing access to the infusible substrate stored in said container; a lid adapted to be seated in said top opening of said container to form a fluid tight seal with said rim section to seal the storage container so that the infusible substrate may be preserved during storage; and an infuser having an outer peripheral flange configured and dimensioned to be seated over said lid of said container for removable attachment in removable association with said container in a first storage position, said infuser having a protruding well portion protruding away from said lid in said first storage position for receiving said infusible substrate, and further having a plurality of apertures for permitting infusion of said infusible substrate, said method comprising:

removing said infuser from said infusible substrate storage container;

removing said lid from said top opening of said infusible substrate storage container for accessing the infusible substrate within said interior cavity;

obtaining an amount of infusible substrate from said infusible substrate storage container;

placing said amount of infusible substrate within said well portion of said infuser;

placing said infuser within an opening of an associated drinking container, wherein said storage container is different from said associated drinking container; and
pouring a fluid having an elevated temperature through said infuser.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 12, further comprising:
steeping said infusible substrate to extract flavors from said infusible substrate.

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14. (Original) The method of Claim 12, said apparatus further having a cap, the method further comprising:

placing said infuser on said cap after infusion.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 12, further comprising:
coupling said infuser to said [an] associated drinking container in a removable manner.

16. (Canceled)

17. (New) The method of Claim 12, further comprising:
inverting said infuser after removal from said container for orienting said well portion to accept an amount of infusible substrate.

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